

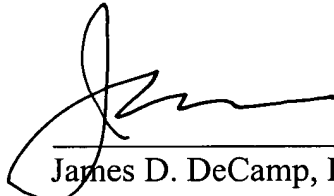
REMARKS

Claims 24 and 50 have been amended to correct grammar and antecedent basis, respectively. No new matter is added by these amendments.

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Respectfully submitted,

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24. (Three times amended) A plant comprising substantially pure DNA encoding a calcium-dependent protein kinase (CDPK) polypeptide that includes a PK domain, wherein said polypeptide increases the level of tolerance, [on] in a plant expressing said polypeptide, to an environmental stress.

50. (Once amended) The [method] plant of claim 24, wherein said calcium-dependent protein kinase (CDPK) polypeptide is ATCDPK1 or ATCDPK1a.